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A Written and Photographic Inventory

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IN the late 1930's, Mr. Philip M. Showers of New York found himself attracted by that charming and once familiar little work-a-day coin—the U.S. Half Cent. As the years passed, his affection for the series increased rather than diminished. Now, more than three decades later, his collection of Half Cents can be considered the finest in existence.

Of course there have been other legendary collections of Half Cents. The Alvord (1924), Hillyer Ryder (1954), Dupont (1954) and Brobston (1963) were all disposed of at Public Auction or by private sale in those years. But Mr. Showers has never been a man to be unduly affected by precedents established by others. He did not want his collection to be broken up piecemeal as the others had been. In accordance with his wish, it passed intact into the hands of the present owner.

We were privileged to have known Mr. Showers throughout his active numismatic years and to have helped him acquire many of the fine pieces in his splendid group of Half Cents. It was a great pleasure for us to have been selected by him to arrange for its disposition as a unit. This book has been prepared to commemorate both the collection and the great satisfaction he derived from his study of the series. It forms a complete photographic and written record of the Philip M. Showers collection of Half Cents.

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THE COLLECTION

The coins have been described in accordance with Gilbert's early work on the series. The Gilbert number has been placed prominently following the date of each coin. You will note that certain of the numbers appear in brackets. These are our own additions to Gilbert's list which was first published in 1916. Since that time, there have been many new varieties discovered. Coins in these new categories have been given a number conforming to Gilbert's style of classification in order to place them properly in relation to their fellows.

The following terms used in describing the coins may benefit from some clarification:

1. *Finest known*. The finest known specimen to appear on the numismatic market since detailed records have been kept.
2. *Condition Census*. One of the five finest specimens known to exist. This term is not used in connection with the "Rare Proof Group" because in many cases less than five are known.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1793	G-1	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1793	G-2	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1793	G-3	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1793	G-4	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1794	G-1		Extremely Fine
1794	G-2	Finest Known	Uncirculated
1794	G-3	Condition Census	About Uncirculated
1794	G-4		Extremely Fine
1794	G-4a		Extremely Fine
1794	G-5	Finest Known	Uncirculated

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1794	G-6		Very Fine
1794	G-7		Extremely Fine
1794	G-8	Condition Census	About Uncirculated
1794	G-9	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1794	G-9	Inverted Reverse	Extremely Fine
1795	G-1	Lettered Edge, Pole to Cap. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1795	G-3	Lettered Edge, Pole to Cap. Punctuated Date	Extremely Fine
1795	G-4	Plain Edge, Pole to Cap. Punctuated Date	Uncirculated
1795	G-5	Plain Edge, No Pole	Uncirculated
1795	G-5	Struck over T.A.L. Cent	About Uncirculated
1795	G-5	Duplicate Struck over T.A.L. Cent	Extremely Fine
1795	G-6	Thin Planchet	About Uncirculated
1795	G-6a	Thick Planchet	Very Fine
1795	G-7	Plain Edge, Pole to Cap Punctuated Date Finest Known	About Uncirculated
1795	G-8		Very Good
1796	G-1	Pole to Cap. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1796	G-2	Without Pole. Finest Known	Uncirculated
1797	G-1	Lettered Edge. Condition Census	Very Fine
1797	G-2	Plain Edge. Finest Known	Uncirculated

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1797	G-2	Struck over 1798 Cent (Sheldon 164) Unique	About Uncirculated
1797	G-3	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1797	G-4	1 over 1. Finest Known	Uncirculated
1797	G-4	Broken Dies	About Uncirculated
1797	G-4	Struck over T.A.L. Cent	Uncirculated
1800	G-1		Uncirculated
1802	G-1		Very Fine
1803	G-1	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1803	G-2		Uncirculated
1803	G-3	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1803	G-4	Finest Known	Uncirculated
1803	G-4a	Broken Dies	Very Fine
1804	G-1	Plain 4, Stems	Extremely Fine
1804	G-2	Plain 4, Stemless	Uncirculated
1804	G-3	Crosslet 4, Stemless. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1804	G-4	Crosslet 4, Stems	Uncirculated
1804	G-5		Uncirculated
1804	G-5a		Fine
1804	G-6	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1804	G-7	Spiked Chin, Protruding Tongue	Uncirculated
1804	G-8	State 8 of the Broken Dies. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1804	G-9	Condition Census	Very Fine

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1804	G-9a	Broken Dies. Finest Known	Very Fine
1804	G-10	Crosslet 4, Stems. Condition Census	Very Fine
1804	G-11	Spiked Chin. Finest Known	About Uncirculated
1805	G-1	Small 5, Stemless	Uncirculated
1805	G-1	Struck from clashed dies	Uncirculated
1805	G-2	Large 5	About Uncirculated
1805	G-3	Small 5, Stems	Fine
1805	G-4	Condition Census	Fine
1806	G-1	Small 6, Stemless	Uncirculated
1806	G-2	Small 6, Stems. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1806	G-3	Large 6	Uncirculated
1806	G-3	Duplicate	Uncirculated
1806	(G-4)	Condition Census	Good
1807	G-1	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1807	G-1	Duplicate	Uncirculated
1808	G-1	The Overdate. Condition Census	Extremely Fine
1808	G-2	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1808	G-3	Finest Known	Fine
1809	G-1	Circle Within O	Uncirculated
1809	G-2		Uncirculated

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1809	G-3	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1809	G-4		Uncirculated
1809	G-5	The Overdate. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1810	G-1		Uncirculated
1811	G-1	Condition Census	Extremely Fine
1811	G-2		Very Fine/ Extremely Fine
1811	G-2a	Broken Dies. Condition Census	Uncirculated
1811	RESTRIKE		Uncirculated
1825	G-1		Uncirculated
1825	G-2	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1826	G-1		Uncirculated
1826	G-2	Condition Census	Uncirculated
1828	G-1	Thirteen Stars	Uncirculated
1828	G-2		Uncirculated
1828	G-3	Twelve Stars	Uncirculated
1829	G-1		Proof
1831	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1831	G-2	First Restrike Large Berries	Proof
1832	G-1		Proof
1832	G-1		Uncirculated
1832	G-2		Uncirculated
1832	G-3		Uncirculated
1833	G-1		Proof
1833	G-1		Extremely Fine
1834	G-1		Uncirculated
1835	G-1		Proof
1835	G-1		Uncirculated
1835	G-1	Duplicate	Uncirculated
1835	G-2		Uncirculated
1836	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1836	G-2	First Restrike Large Berries	Proof
1836	(G-3)	Second Restrike Reverse of 1840	Proof
1837	TOKEN		Uncirculated
1840	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1840	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1841	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1841	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1842	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1842	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1842	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1843	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1843	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1843	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1844	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1844	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1844	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1845	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1845	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1845	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1846	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1846	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1847	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1847	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1848	G-1	Original, Large Berries	Proof
1848	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1848	(G-3)	Second Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1840	Proof
1849	G-1	Small Date, Original Large Berries	Proof
1849	G-2	Small Date, First Restrike Small Berries, Reverse of 1856	Proof
1849	G-3	Large Date	Uncirculated
1850	G-1		Proof
1851	G-1		Uncirculated
1852	G-2	First Restrike, Small Berries Reverse of 1856	Proof
1853	G-1		Uncirculated

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gilbert #</i>		<i>Condition</i>
1854	G-1		Proof
1855	G-1		Proof
1855	G-1		Uncirculated
1856	G-1		Proof
1856	G-1	Copper-nickel	Proof
1857	G-1		Proof
1857	G-1	Duplicate	Proof

1793 G-1



1793 G-2



1793 G-3



1793 G-4



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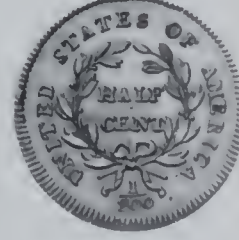
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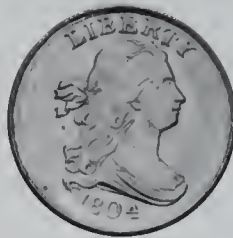
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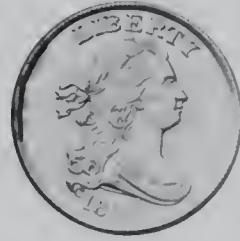
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1811 Restrike



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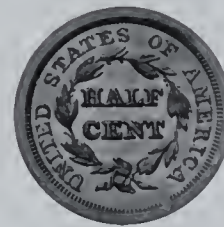
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Copper-nickel



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